

# Good News

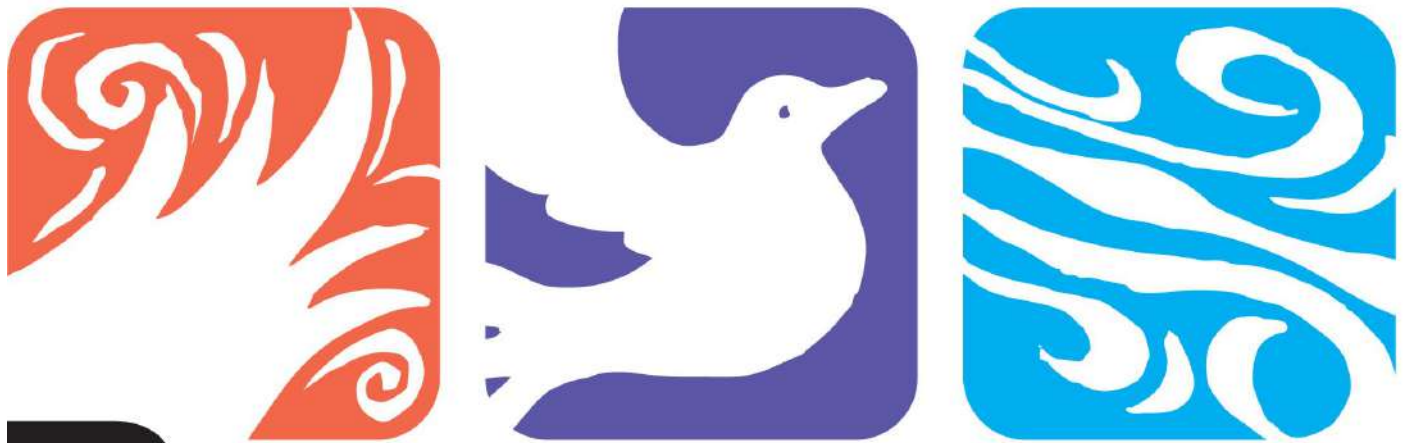
**The Monthly Newsletter of the People of  
HAMILTON UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
GUILDERLAND, NEW YORK**



## May 2023

Worship Services are held on Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

# Celebrating



# Pentecost

“Now on that same day, two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem.”

~Luke 24:13

Friends in the Resurrected One,

It is no coincidence that Easter always comes in the beginning of spring. Even with its moveable date, it always lingers around that change in the seasons. By ecclesiastical rules set centuries ago, there are 35 dates on which Easter can take place. The earliest possible date for Easter is March 22 and the latest possible date is April 25.

Over the past few weeks, we have watched the grass grow vividly green, trees and flowers bud and blossom, and the weather turn out warmer days (the week after Easter was amazing!).

Yet I also remember that spring does not bloom all at once, in a fiery explosion of life and color (and most importantly, in pollen!). But rather, it emerges slowly, gently, awakening from the long slumber of winter to yawn and stretch and remember.

In the same way, Easter does not happen all at once. It could have - Jesus could have risen from the dead loudly and violently to make the whole of the earth tremble... but he didn't. He rose and appeared slowly to his closest friends and disciples. Individually, in pairs, and finally as a whole group. But when you read the resurrection accounts in any of the four gospels, you notice one overwhelming thing - the gentleness of it. Maybe because our human minds couldn't take such information all at once; perhaps it was that stretching and yawning awake from the sleep of the grave.

Above all else: remember this: like spring, Easter is a season. It doesn't happen just one day! It unfolds over the course of a few weeks - the weeks we are in right now. Let this awakening, the unfolding, this yawning and stretching time speak to you in new ways. Listen for the voice of our Lord, for he is calling us forth from sleep. In the hope of the Resurrection, ~Pastor Kyle



### A Sneak Peek at Sermons Coming in May!

**May 7- John 14:1-14, Where the Story Starts**

**May 14- Joh 14: 15-21, Our Co-Author**

**May 21- Presbytery Wide Worship Service at HUPC**

**May 28- Acts 2: 1-21, The Beginning of Our Shared Story**



Please make a note:

Our choir will sing in its last Worship Service on June 11.

We will switch to our Summer Worship Service on June 18. Beginning on that day (Father's Day!) worship will begin at 9:00AM!

## **LITURGISTS**

May 7	<b>Sue Ferris</b>
May 14	<b>Trudy Hutchinson</b>
May 21	<b>Hannah Hunter Harris</b>
May 28	<b>Diane Irwin</b>

## **TECH TEAM**

May 7	<b>Kyle &amp; Audrey Hall</b>
May 14	<b>Liz &amp; Declan Egan</b>
May 21	<b>Meredith &amp; Jack Eberz</b>
May 28	<b>Diane Irwin and Hugh Stevens</b>

## **COUNTERS**

May 7	<b>Laura Smith and Michael Hall</b>
May 14	<b>Bill Hasselbarth and Hannah Hunter Harris</b>
May 21	<b>Peggy Gardam and Peter McKinney</b>
May 28	<b>Liz Egan and Billy DeBarthe</b>

## **GREETERS**

May 7	<b>Ann McKinney</b>
May 14	<b>Charlotte Hasselbarth</b>
May 21	<b>Betty Deitz</b>
May 28	<b>Cindy Schultz</b>



## *Happy Birthday to*

Lori Lochner- *May 2*

Maryanne Masley-Hannett- *May 4*

Terry Nieman- *May 25*

Brian Nitsky- *May 28*

Nina Zanetti- *May 31*



## *Happy Anniversary to*

Lori & Ron Lochner- *May 22*

If you would like your birthday, anniversary, or some other special occasion printed in the "Good News", please notify Ann McKinney at (518) 488-7195 or email me at: AN-NANDPETERMCKINNEY@GMAIL.COM

If you see that an incorrect date is in the "Good News", please let me know.

Thanks! *Ann McKinney*





## Church World Service Minute for Mission

Has it been cold and windy here? Have you snuggled up in a blanket to stay toasty warm? Can you imagine what it must be like in this cold weather to call the streets your home or to look at the remains of your home devastated by natural disasters or war and not even have a blanket?

Here's your chance to give Grandma, Mom, Auntie, Sis or any other woman or man of significance in your life a meaningful gift for Mother's Day or other while ALSO helping someone less fortunate get their OWN blanket.

We'll be collecting cash @\$10 (a change from past years!!!!) or checks made out to "PW at HUPC"; memo line "blankets": Sun Apr 30, 2023-Sun May14, 2023

You may also like some "Blanket the World With Love" card(s) you can use for sending to your recipient(s). Count your blessings and be as generous as you always are! Last year you gave \$2365 towards blankets!!!!

Mail checks to Mickey Nieman, 896 Pine Hill Dr, Schenectady, NY 12303  
ANY questions? Contact Mickey at 518.356.1691



## MAKING CONNECTIONS BIBLE STUDY

The Making Connections adult bible study group has resumed, and will meet on Monday afternoons at 1 P.M on Zoom. Come join the group for a lively and informative discussion.

When: Monday at 1 PM (October 31 through June 28)

Where: Zoom Meeting ID: 829 5227 6592      Passcode: 609425

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## Presbyterian Women's (PW) News – All Women are Welcome

All women are invited to participate in any *Presbyterian Women's* activity at any time. There is no need to make a commitment to join the organization. For questions about *Presbyterian Women*, contact Charlotte Hasselbarth at 518-356-0637 or [chasselbarth@hotmail.com](mailto:chasselbarth@hotmail.com).

Our next Circle Meeting will be on Tues, May 23 from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. We will be discussing Lesson 9 *What are These Women Doing in a Place Like This?* from the Bible Study *What My Grandmother's Taught Me, Learning From the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*. Bring a bag lunch. Beverage and dessert will be provided. Extra Study books are available. We meet in the lounge, with a zoom option.



## Volunteer Opportunities

The Mission Team announces the next volunteer opportunities at the Regional Food Bank, to sort donated food:

**Thu May 18, 2023**

**Thu June 22, 2023**

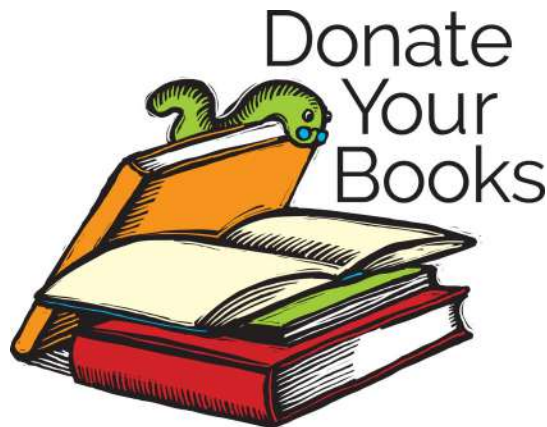


**Regional  
Food Bank**  
OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

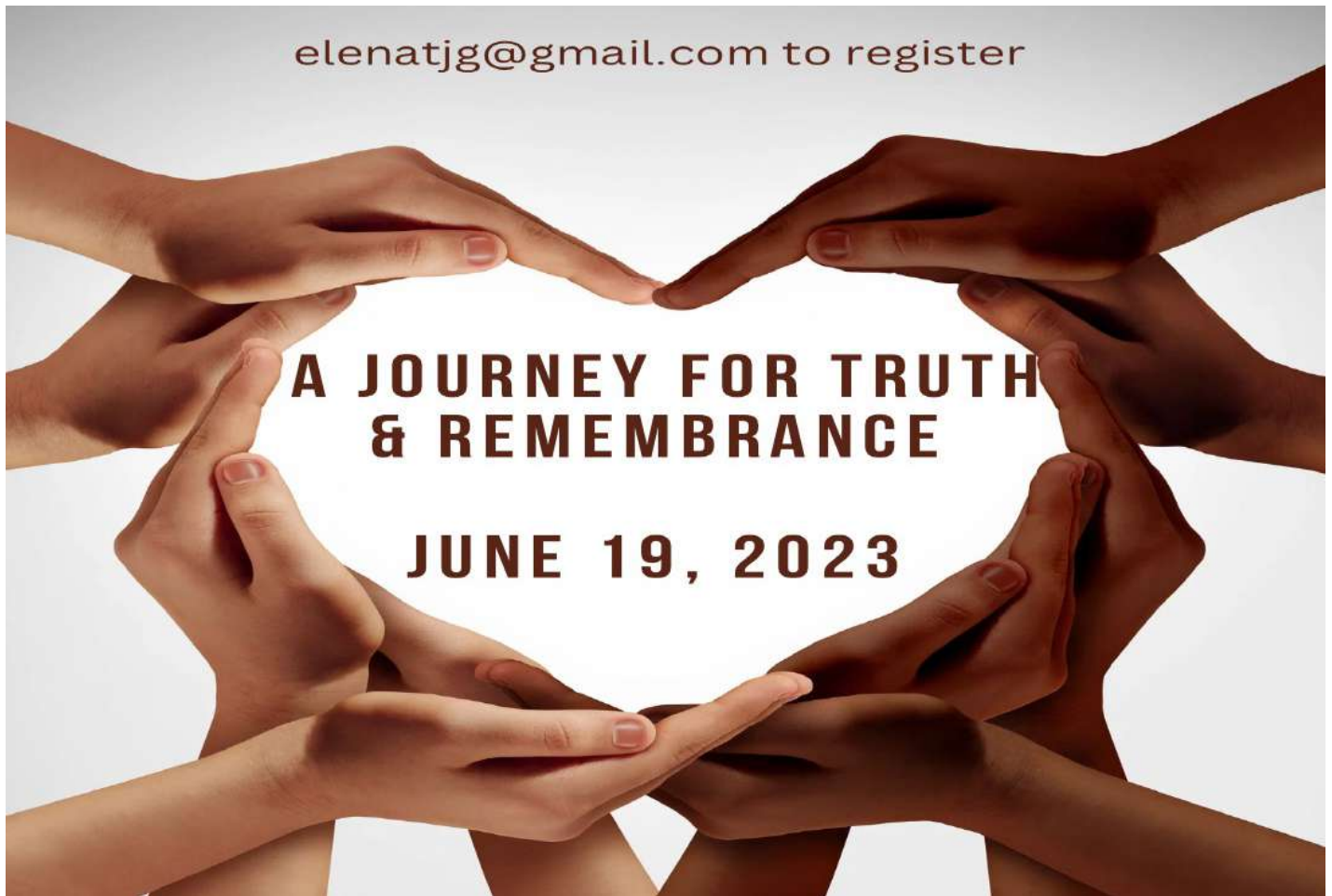
We will have up to 9 slots available, first come, first served. NO sandals or open toe shoes! We are working in a warehouse.

A good opportunity to serve the community, and the work is not difficult. If you are interested, please contact Wayne Gannett to sign up at [jgannett@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jgannett@nycap.rr.com).

**Save the Date: Saturday, June 10th** at 10:30am at the Capital City Diner, for the Presbyterian Women's Spring Mission Minded Breakfast. We will begin collecting books for the Wizard's Wardrobe students (1st thru 3rd grade level.). Questions? Ask Betty Deitz







Our Social Justice Book Club has just finished reading "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson, the true story of how racial discrimination affects the American criminal justice system. Stevenson is a lawyer and the founder of Equal Justice Initiative, an organization committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States, to challenging racial and economic injustice, and to protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society.

Part of being able to move forward means we need to confront our past, even the ugly and shameful parts of our country's history like slavery and the racial terror lynching era. Lynching, in particular, has been shown to have contributed to the pervasive bias that people of color (and Black men in particular) are thought to be more dangerous than their white counterparts based solely on the color of their skin.

On Monday, June 19 (or Juneteenth, as it is celebrated in the African-American community), in partnership with Albany Presbytery and Hudson River Presbytery, we will be taking a Journey of Truth & Remembrance to Newburgh, NY, and Port Jervis, NY, to pay tribute to the men whose documented lynchings occurred at these sites in the 1800s with a special service. Carpooling will be encouraged to alleviate transportation stress. If you would like to make this journey with us, please email Elena Delhagen at [elenatjg@gmail.com](mailto:elenatjg@gmail.com)

To support the Guilderland Food Pantry, especially during the long hot summer, PW will be collecting items of high need. Bring these items into church each Sunday through June 11 when we will be dedicating them to the important work of the pantry. If you can't do the entire calendar, consider a couple of weeks or a couple columns of days. Questions? Call Mickey Nieman. 518-356-1691

Please find the May and June calendar on this page and the following page!

# May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> box of cereal	<b>2</b> box of oatmeal	<b>3</b> crackers	<b>4</b> microwa veable mac & cheese	<b>5</b> peanut butter	<b>6</b> brownie mix
<b>7</b> boxed potatoes	<b>8</b> micro- waveable beef-a-roni	<b>9</b> canned fruit cocktail	<b>10</b> canned tomatoes	<b>11</b> canned tuna	<b>12</b> canned vegetable	<b>13</b> jar of ap- plesauce
<b>14</b> crackers	<b>15</b> jelly or jam	<b>16</b> canned chicken	<b>17</b> canned peas	<b>18</b> ready rice or rice-a-roni	<b>19</b> box of oatmeal packets	<b>20</b> package of pasta
<b>21</b> 32 oz. spaghetti sauce	<b>22</b> chicken noodle	<b>23</b> tomato soup	<b>24</b> canned corn	<b>25</b> canned pineapple	<b>26</b> canned carrots	<b>27</b> canned green beans
<b>28</b> pouches of tuna	<b>29</b> box of cereal	<b>30</b> micro- waveable spa- ghetti & meat- balls	<b>31</b> canned peaches			

# June 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

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Sat

				1 canned tomatoes	2 micro- waveable beef-a-roni	3 peanut butter
4 jelly or jam	5 cake mix & frosting	6 micro- waveable mac &	7 canned pears	8 package of pasta	9 32 oz. jar of spa-	10 canned tuna
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

## Gade Farm Days Fundraiser

**Fri., May 19– Sun., May 21 & Fri., Jun. 2 – Sun., Jun. 4**

Every year, during 2 spring weekends, Presbyterian Women sponsors Gade Farm Days. It is an important fundraiser for our budget, the majority of which goes to mission projects. The Gade family donates a very generous percentage of the purchases made by our church family at the Gade Farm Store, on those weekends. Use the coupon below when you make a purchase.

The Gade farm is located at 2479 Western Ave, Altamont, NY 12009.

The Gade family have been members of Hamilton Union for generations.

Thank you from the Presbyterian Women.

### **GADE FARM DAYS 2023**

**Friday, Saturday and Sunday: May 19, 20 and 21**



Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Presbyterian Women ✠ HAMILTON UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

### **GADE FARM DAYS 2023**

**Friday, Saturday and Sunday: June 2, 3 and 4**



Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Presbyterian Women ✠ HAMILTON UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

### **Men's Socks and Laundry Detergent Needed Continuous Collection**

Men's white athletic socks (medium – extra-large) plus laundry detergent are being collected for *The Capital Area Council of Churches Emergency Overflow Shelter*.

There is a collection box at the top of the stairs in the Christian Education Building. Donations can also be left in the deck box in front of the Christian Education Building. If you put detergent in the deck box, please label it for "the Interfaith Shelter".

Thank You from Presbyterian Women



### **Personal Care Items Needed by UAlbany's *Purple Pantry* Continuous Collection**

We're collecting personal care items for both men and women for *The Purple Pantry*, the food pantry on the UAlbany Campus. Personal care items are seldom donated and/or are available from the *Food Bank*. Items needed are toothpaste, facial tissues, deodorant, shampoo, soap, contact solution, cotton swabs, & razors. Feminine care products are also needed.



Please place your donations in the basket at the top of the stairs in the Christian Education Building or in the collection box in front of the Christian Education Building, with a note saying they are for *The Purple Pantry*.

Thank You from Presbyterian Women





## **IT'S ALMOST BROOKS BARBECUE SEASON!**

Our first Brooks Barbecue fundraiser (of 3 this year) is coming up, on Wednesday, June 7. As you will recall, our 2023 budget counts on these 3 fundraisers to meet our operating expenses.

### **IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO SIGN UP TO HELP!!**

As in the past, we try to run 2 shifts, from 2:30pm-4:30pm and 4:30-6:30, or whenever we sell out and finish cleanup. Helpers are needed for set-up (tents and tables in the morning) greeter, assembly line, order takers, order packers, order runners, and take-down/clean-up. **We need at least 14-15 people per shift to make this run smoothly and not wear anyone out.** Families and friends are invited and most welcome to help out. (We even offer volunteer hour credits for school kids who need that.)

**Please let Bruce Williamson know if and when you are available to help out. (Early sign-ups make this effort less stressful!)**

Bruce can be reached at 518-357-0746 or [bewillia302@gmail.com](mailto:bewillia302@gmail.com).

**THANK YOU!!**

# MAY - Hamilton Union Happenings



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Communica- tions Meeting (Z)- 7:00PM	<b>2</b> Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team(L)- 9:30AM	<b>3</b> Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM	<b>4</b> National Day of Prayer Choir Practice (FH)- 7:00PM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Choir Practice- 9:30AM Worship Service- 10:00AM	<b>8</b> Making Con- nections Bible Study (Z)- 1:00PM	<b>9</b> Pres. Women Coordinating Team Meeting (L)-10:00AM Session Meet- ing (Z)-7:00P	<b>10</b> Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM	<b>11</b> Choir Practice (FH)- 7:00PM Good News Deadline	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Choir Practice- 9:30AM Worship Service- 10:00AM CWS Blanket Sale ends	<b>15</b> Making Con- nections Bible Study (Z)- 1:00PM Finance Meeting (Z)- 7:00PM	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM Mission Team Meeting (Z)- 7:15PM	<b>18</b> Deacons Meet- ing (Z)- 3:00PM Choir Practice (FH)- 7:00PM Mission Team Food Bank- 5:00PM	<b>19</b> GADE FARM DAYS FUNDRAIS- ER	<b>20</b> GADE FARM DAYS FUND- RAISER
<b>21</b> Choir Practice- 9:30AM PRESBYTERY WIDE Sunday Worship Service at HUPC-10:00AM GADE FARM DAYS FUNDRAISER	<b>22</b> Making Connec- tions Bible Study (Z)-1:00PM	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM Worship & Congregation- al Life Meet- ing (Z)- 7:00PM	<b>25</b> Choir Practice (FH)- 7:00PM	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Choir Practice-9:30AM Sunday Worship Service-10:00AM PENTECOST	<b>29</b> Making Con- nections Bible Study (Z)- 1:00PM MEMORIAL DAY- OFFICE CLOSED	<b>30</b> Pres. Women Circle Meet- ing (L)- 10:30AM	<b>31</b> Room Rental (FH)-7:00PM			
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# Hamilton Union Happenings- June 2023-DRAFT

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# KIDS CORNER



## Wind, fire & spirit

Acts 2 describes the amazing events of Pentecost, when the apostles received the Holy Spirit.

*Directions: The last letter(s) of each word is the beginning letter of the next. Fill in the missing words to complete Acts 2:1-4, NIV.*

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|-------------------|-----------|
| 1. HEAV           | 6. OGETHE |
| 2. ABLE           | 7. ES     |
| 3. AY OF PENTECOS | 8. ONGUE  |
| 4. ONGUE          | 9. A      |
| 5. PIRI           | 10. IND   |



"When the \_\_\_\_\_ came, they were all \_\_\_\_\_ in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent \_\_\_\_\_ came from \_\_\_\_\_ and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They \_\_\_\_\_ what seemed to be \_\_\_\_\_ of fire that separated and came to \_\_\_\_\_ on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy \_\_\_\_\_ and began to speak in other \_\_\_\_\_ as the Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ them."

**ACTS 2:1-4, NIV**

## Spirit SPINNER

For Pentecost, make a thaumatrope, a spinning toy that creates an optical illusion of motion.

### What you need:

- White paper
- Cup
- Scissors
- Pencil and markers
- Plastic drinking straw
- Glue



### What you do:

1. Using the cup's circular shape, trace two identical circles on the paper. Carefully cut them out.
2. In pencil, draw a person's head on one circle. Then place the blank circle on top and use the image beneath to guide you in drawing a flame above the head.
3. Color the two images with markers.
4. Apply glue to the backs of the circles and sandwich the top of the straw between them so it looks like a lollipop. Let dry.
5. Roll the straw quickly between your hands to view a mini motion picture.

Answers: 1. heaven, 2. enabled, 3. day of Pentecost, 4. tongues, 5. Spirit, 6. together, 7. rest, 8. tongues, 9. saw, 10. wind

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